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CCC EXPANDS LEVEE PROTECTION WORK WITH 15 CREWS

The California Conservation Corps has dispatched nearly 200 corpsmembers -- 15 crews -- to shore up the inside of the Jones Tract levees.

At the request of the state Department of Water Resources, CCC crews are working to place heavy plastic sheeting and sandbags on 13.5 miles of interior levees. These levees are not designed to hold the water now flooding the area after Thursday's breach on Jones Tract; the sandbags and plastic will help strengthen the levees.

Five CCC crews have worked since Friday doing similar work on the Trapper Slough and Upper Jones Tract levees.

The corpsmembers come from CCC centers as far away as Yreka and Los Angeles. They will work 12-hour days for the foreseeable future.

The California Conservation Corps is a state agency hiring young men and women between the ages of 18 and 23 for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. At the same time crews are responding to the Delta levees, three crews have been dispatched to the Gaviota Fire in Santa Barbara County.

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